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BIG HAUL IS SECURED BY MASKED MEN

San Francisco Robber Waylays Two Bank Clerks and Takes From Them Satchel Containing Large Sum.

Trick Is Turned in Passage-way at Rear of Central Grain & Stock Exchange.

SACHEL CONTAINED \$4400

After Blinding the Clerks in a Toilet-room the Robber Escapes and Police Have Not Yet Captured Him.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Compelling two clerks to go into a room at the point of a revolver to be made prisoners, a masked man today took a suit case containing \$4400 and records and papers belonging to the Central Grain & Stock Exchange, at 20 Leidesdorff street, and then made his escape.

F. J. Flynn and H. T. Heary are clerks employed by the exchange, and they were carrying the suit case containing the gold, silver and papers into the office through a passage-way in the rear of the office, when they were confronted by the robber. His revolver caused them to obey his commands. The thief was hidden behind a partition so that he could not be seen until a person was within a few feet of him. He showed perfect familiarity with the premises, and the police, who are working on the case, think they have a good clue to his identity.

It is customary for these two clerks to carry the suit case to the safe deposit department of the Union Trust Company, Market and Montgomery streets, every night, and return in the morning. Before their arrival the place is cleaned out by an Italian, and it was through a door left open by him that the robber slipped in. As the clerks entered they heard a man give the command, "Hands up!" They turned around and saw the robber. He was wearing a mask made from a white handkerchief, in which holes had been cut for the eyes and nose. The revolver was of large size and formidable looking.

"March with that suit case to that step half way down the hall there," ordered the robber.

On arriving at the designated spot the clerks were instructed to drop the suit case and then move forward. They were forced to go into a toilet-room, and getting them there the robber took a piece of cord and tied their hands to a hook, which had been made in the brick wall with a large wire nail which had recently been placed there.

With the two clerks tied in the room the robber took the suit case and departed. Presumably he had some conveyance near at hand. The two clerks released themselves after some trouble and notified the police of the robbery.

ARCHBISHOP IN WRECK.

Special Train Collides With Engine, but Little Damage Results.

East Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 23.—A special train conveying the archbishop of Canterbury from Bar Harbor, Me., to Washington was wrecked on the Boston & Albany division of the New York Central railroad near the station here today. The archbishop was not injured, although considerably shaken up, but not hurt.

The special, running at the rate of 60 miles an hour, was just passing the station, when a detached locomotive, which had been drawing a train on the North Brookfield branch, ran onto the main line for a reason at present unexplained. The engineer of the special sighted a danger signal, but owing to high speed of the train and the slippery condition of the rails, due to the mist of early morning, he found it impossible to do more than slightly reduce the speed of his locomotive.

The engineer of the branch engine heard the onrush of the special, but he had not time to move out of the way. The archbishop's train struck the North Brookfield engine with a terrific crash

and demolished it. The other locomotive was thrown from the rails and landed across the eastbound track near the wreck of the North Brookfield engine. The car

Immediately Ore Historical Society life of the archbishop, as well as of others attending them, had been imperiled, and first inquiries were for them. Rev. J. Ellison, the archbishop's secretary, answered for those in the archbishop's car, saying that no one was injured. With the archbishop, besides Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Morgan, were Rev. Hyla Holden and Rev. J. Ellison and attendants. It was rumored that a maid was hurt, but her injuries were not serious. Traffic on the road was blocked for some time.

Several of the train hands were slightly injured. So great was the speed of the special that the solitary engine was carried along 100 yards before it was dropped on the eastbound rails. The tracks were considerably damaged.

The archbishop's special train, with a new engine later resumed its trip to Washington.

The special train was one engaged by Mr. Morgan on behalf of the archbishop, and was in charge of Conductor John Fox of Worcester and Engineer John Lord of that city.

The locomotive which had drawn in the mixed train was switching the cars in the yard, as usual. The engine was just over the switch on the main line when the locomotive of the special appeared around the curve about 100 yards distant. The air-brakes of the special were set sharply, and, though the valves were open spreading sand over the rails, Angineer Lord could not prevent striking the local engine, which, being much lighter than the special and lifted over about 300 feet of track and then dropped in a heap. The wreckage completely blocked the eastbound track. The engine of the special was badly damaged by the collision and interlocked with the ruins of the branch locomotive.

The shock was not great enough to throw either of the two cars on the special from the rails. None of the occupants had left their berths except Mr. Morgan, who was at the breakfast table when the crash came. Large plate glass mirrors in the cars were broken, as were also several of the breakfast dishes. Mr. Morgan was suddenly thrown forward, but was not pitched from his seat. The members of the archbishop's party were also badly shaken up, but no one but a maid was injured.

Soon after the cars came to a standstill Mr. Morgan hurried into the east Brookfield station and sent several messages. When asked as to the effect of the collision on those in the cars, he said:

"There was an accident, and no one was injured. Get this over the wires, soon as possible—that no one was injured."

The archbishop and party did not leave the car until just before the journey was resumed. Mr. Davidson had nothing to say, but his secretary, Rev. Mr. Ellison, in a brief statement said that no one had been hurt.

ENROLLMENT AT CORVALLIS.

Will Reach the 600 Mark for the First Semester.

Corvallis, Sept. 23.—The opening day at the Oregon Agricultural college witnessed the largest first day's attendance in the history of the institution. A noticeable feature was the many new faces among the student body. The dormitories were early filled to overflowing, and many who expected to room in those halls were compelled to seek boarding places at private residences down town. Clerk Crawford is authority for the statement that the 600 mark will be reached during the present semester.

Less Than Thirty Cents.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 23.—Some days ago it was announced that the state treasury of Mississippi contained only 52 cents. It is learned that the state's ready money is now only 20 cents. The bankers of the country are refusing to buy Mississippi bonds.

Watson Speaks in Texas.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 23.—Thomas E. Watson, the populist candidate for president, tonight addressed a great crowd of people from the surrounding country, several excursions being run. He was given close attention,

THREE-SIDED ATTACK UPON PORT ARTHUR MAY RESULT IN FALL OF THE FORTRESS

Japanese Reported to Have Commenced Furious Assault, With Intention of Capturing the Town.

St. Petersburg Correspondent Says the Massacre Has Been Indescribable and That Two Japanese Squadrons Are Co-operating With Land Forces—Believed the Besieged Garrison Can Not Hold Out Long Against Attack.

The most important news this morning is that Port Arthur has again been assaulted by the Japanese. The news comes in a wire to the Matin of Paris from St. Petersburg and conveys the information that the Japs have attacked the town from three sides. The slaughter is said to have been indescribable. Fall of the town is expected, according to the Matin's correspondent.

Secrecy veils the movements of the Japanese armies in Manchuria and little indicative of the developments of the situation is permitted to reach the correspondents. Apparently four Japanese armies are converging on Mukden, but, although the distance covered is not great, several days are expected to elapse before the battle. There is no news in the direction of Port Arthur, although it seems probable that fighting is in progress. There is no confirmation of the report that the cruiser Gromoboi left Vladivostok in pursuit of a Japanese transport.

Paris, Sept. 23.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs:

"Telegrams of which the general staff as yet has no knowledge reached the czar this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which the greatest anxiety prevails. The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously and employing the whole forces, being determined to finish the business.

"Russian mines blew up whole battalions.

"General Fock distinguished himself, directing the fire from the wall, which the Japanese reached after an indescribable massacre.

"The whole of Togo's and Kamimura's squadrons are aiding in the struggle, which, it is feared, will be final. The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shells is falling.

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event are wholly unknown. At the court hope is not entirely abandoned."

JAPS MADE SOME GAINS.

Chefoo Report Says Fighting Commenced September 19.

Chefoo, Sept. 24 (noon).—A Japanese who has arrived at Dalny says that the battle began at Port Arthur September 19 and continued September 20, but was unable to give details. September 21 and 22 the bombardment was slight.

The Japanese further said that unverified rumors were current at Dalny to the effect that the Japanese had made some gains.

Chinese from a village near Port Arthur confirm the foregoing and add that while off the Miaotao islands yesterday they heard firing.

WILL STARVE GARRISON.

Tsingtau Story Says Japs are to Adopt New Plan.

Tsingtau, Sept. 23.—The German steamer Erica, to which a British collier transferred a cargo of coal, cleared for Victoria, B. C., yesterday. The chief engineer refused to sail, alleging that the vessel was going to attempt to run the blockade at Port Arthur.

Russians here say that several supply ships arrived at Port Arthur recently with foodstuffs, ammunition and medicines.

They further say that advices from Port Arthur are to the effect that the Japanese attacks are becoming infrequent. They believe the Japanese assaults will soon cease and that the Japanese will attempt to starve the garrison.

New Minister is Hopeful.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The Bourse Gazette says that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, recently appointed minister of the interior, will go to Kharkoff and

with the future policy of the general land office, certain public lands in the state of Washington, temporarily withdrawn from settlement for addition to the Washington forest reserve and restored to the public domain September 20, became at once subject to entry under the homestead laws.

PARADE OF ODD FELLOWS.

Pageant at San Francisco Remarkable for Grand Display.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—A phenomenal rain storm, which began yesterday and continued all night, threatened to cause a postponement of the Odd Fellows' parade, the chief public feature of the week's celebration, which has been coincident with the meeting of the sovereign grand lodge. This morning, however, the sun broke through the clouds and the pavements were soon dry enough to permit of marching without serious discomfort.

Brigadier General E. H. Biscoe acted as grand marshal and promptly on time the parade started on its course through streets lined with thousands of spectators. The line was composed of 14 divisions and included many floats of attractive design. At the head of the column was a platoon of mounted police, followed by a detachment of the patriarchs militant, acting as an escort to Grand Sire John B. Goodwin and other officers and representatives of the sovereign grand lodge. Then came a strong body of patriarchs militant, under command of General M. A. Raney, the members of visiting California cantons being commanded by Brigadier General H. O. Brower. There were three regiments, which vied with one another in soldierly appearance and precision of movement.

Then followed in succession subordinate and Rebekah lodges, the first place being given to the representatives of Alameda county, who were followed by members from Santa Clara and Sacramento counties. A float containing 50 inmates of the Odd Fellows' orphan home attracted much attention. The many lodges of San Francisco came next, turning out several thousand strong.

Officers and members of the grand encampment and of subordinate encampments composed the 10th division, the remaining divisions being made up of regular and Rebekah lodges, the officers of the grand lodge and Rebekah assemblies and veteran members of the order.

Prominent features of the parade were drill corps from several encampments and Rebekah lodges, whose intricate evolutions were loudly applauded. The parade was reviewed in front of the city hall by Grand Sire Goodwin and other officers of the sovereign grand lodge, and the grand encampment. After the procession disbanded the sovereign grand lodge convened in Native Sons' hall and the grand encampment of California met in the Odd Fellows' building.

PARKER WILL NOT SPEAK.

Refuses to Make Tour, in Spite of Advice of Leaders.

New York, Sept. 23.—Judge Parker was unable to complete his conference with political leaders tonight. He will start home tomorrow.

Among the callers today was James K. Jones of Arkansas and other leaders. Gorman was with Parker for more than an hour. He went over the plans of the campaign and agreed that the canvass should be put under way without delay and conducted in an energetic manner. The report that they will invite Cleveland to take part is not confirmed.

Many members of the national committee urged Parker to reconsider his decision not to make a speaking tour, but he said he told every one that all his speeches will be made from the veranda at Rosemount.

MILES TO TAKE STUMP.

Will Make Extensive Campaign for Democratic Nominee.

New York, Sept. 23.—General Miles said today that he will make several speeches during the campaign under the auspices of the democratic speakers' bureau. The general said he would speak on two topics, the attitude of the United States toward the people of the Philippines and the attitude of the administration regarding the establishment of a general army staff.

It was announced that the speakers' bureau would send the general on a long trip over the continent.

NINE GIRLS MEET DEATH IN CESSPOOL

Appalling Accident Occurs at School House at Pleasant Ridge, a Suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Floor of Outhouse Collapses, Precipitating Thirty Girls into Cavity Below.

OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE

Coroner Says Girders of Floor Were Rotten and Janitor Claims He Notified the School Board.

Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—At least nine school girls were suffocated in a vault today at the afternoon recess of the Pleasant Ridge public school house, and a score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death.

All the victims belonged in the primary grades. At recess about 30 girls were in the girls' outhouse when the floor gave way, precipitating them to a stone-walled cesspool 12 feet deep, containing four feet of sewerage.

The frantic struggles of those on top kept at least nine underneath until dead. The frame shed over the cesspool had only one narrow doorway, so only one girl escaped falling. She ran to the school building and told the teachers. The principal and teachers ran to the rescue. The principal secured a ladder, on which the drenched girls climbed out, most of them fainting as soon as they reached the surface, overcome with fright and sewer gas.

The teachers were soon reinforced by the entire population of the suburbs and the police and the fire departments. The principal finally fainted. Then others lifted out the bodies until the death pool was cleared. The rescued presented an appearance that made many of the crowd of spectators faint.

The school trustees say the floors were repaired during the summer vacation and nothing wrong was noticed with the girders. The janitor says he told members of the board the place was not safe. The coroner had the wrecked girders preserved, and said the timbers were found to be rotten, and one of them spliced. The girders will be brought to Cincinnati tomorrow for examination at the inquest.

TOURING COUNTRY ON WAGER.

Sellers of Souvenirs Have Good Prospect of Winning.

C. M. Darling and C. C. Murphy, two young men from Jackson, Mich., arrived in Eugene last evening on a trip around the United States. They are making the trip on a wager of \$5000 through each state of the union in less time than 18 months, and so far they have been 20 weeks on the road and have covered 17 states, as follows: Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Washington.

The young men are making their way by selling souvenirs, and so far have succeeded very well.

ENORMOUS COST OF CANAL.

Chief Engineer Wallace Says It Will Be Fully \$150,000,000.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, in direct charge of the construction of the canal, is home on a brief vacation. He will be in Washington October 6, when bids will be opened for the material to be used in the construction. These will cover an expenditure of approximately \$1,900,000.

Wallace denied the story of contention between himself and General Davis, governor of the canal zone. Wallace estimates that at completion the canal will have cost \$150,000,000.

Easy for Jack O'Brien.

Baltimore, Sept. 23.—"Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien knocked out Billy Sullivan in the second round tonight.